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## PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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